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Engineer, Singapore Railway, of a daughter.

## MARRIAGE.

On the 20th December, at the Union Church,  
Hongkong, by the Rev. H. Hickling, SAMUEL  
FARRER (s.s. Bangkok), to JANE JASSET ARNOLD,  
youngest daughter of the late JOHN ARNOLD, of  
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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DES VŒUX ROAD C.  
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HONGKONG, 30th December, 1902.

An interesting paper was read before the  
Royal Geographical Society in London last  
month by Captain C. H. D. RYDER, R.E.,  
on the subject of his explorations with an  
expedition sent by the Yunnan Company,  
with supervision by the Indian Government,  
in 1895 and, after a short interval, in 1899  
into the province of Yunnan. Not only did  
this expedition survey completely the more  
important part of this province, but in 1900  
it proceeded via Szechuen and Tibet to the  
Yangtze, down which it travelled to  
Shanghai, arriving there soon after the  
middle of the year. Yunnan is a province  
which has been much discussed, owing to  
the varying estimates of its probable worth  
to European enterprise and to the burning  
question of the possibilities of entering it by  
railway from Burma. Captain RYDER has  
no doubt as to the province's great future.  
Close both to British and to French  
possessions, it abounds in minerals, has a  
fine climate (in contrast to low-lying and  
feverish Tonkin and Burma), is entered by  
the magnificent rivers Yangtze, Mekong,  
and Salween, and by tributaries of the  
Irrawaddy, and has every variety of eleva-  
tion above the sea-level, all the cultivated  
plains being from 5,000 to 8,000 feet above  
this, while the three large rivers in the  
north-western corner of the province flow at

a height of 7,000 feet. On the main plateau  
of Yunnan, between the Yangtze, West,  
and Red Rivers, are the greater number of  
the seventy to eighty cities of the province,  
but Yunnan is full of plateaus, all in-  
habited by the Chinese, the Shans and  
Lolos having been driven into the hills and  
valleys. Yunnan suffered terribly from the  
effects of the Mohammedan rebellion some  
thirty years ago, and the ruins of towns  
still remain to mark the devastation of that  
time; but the province is recovering now  
and will not, according to Captain RYDER,  
be behindhand in the coming expansion of  
the Chinese Empire. Could only rapid  
means of intercommunication be provided,  
a large trade would soon arise between  
Burma and Yunnan in food-stuffs alone,  
Burma sending its rice in exchange for  
Yunnan's crops which flourish in a colder  
climate such as that province has. But  
with mule-back traffic and rough carts, as  
at the present time, such trade has little  
chance. If a railway is impossible, we  
gather, Burma cannot compete seriously for  
the trade of Yunnan.

At the meeting of the British Association  
at Belfast in September last Captain RYDER  
read a paper on Yunnan, much of which was  
substantially the same as that read to the  
Royal Geographical Society at the end of  
November. From the former paper, how-  
ever, it appeared that the Yunnan Company  
had concluded that it was necessary to  
abandon any idea of a Burma-Yunnan  
railway, owing to the mountainous nature  
of the country and the poor prospects of  
traffic. Judging from Captain RYDER's  
more recent paper, we should not be inclined  
to dismiss the idea as entirely hopeless.  
He speaks of one possible through line only  
from Burma into China; but if there is one  
line only, and that is feasible, it is evident  
that hope need not be abandoned yet of a  
British line entering Yunnan. The route  
referred to is from the Kunlong Ferry, up  
the Nam Ting Valley, and via Tali-fu to  
Yunnan-fu. Captain RYDER says that in  
the matter of Burma-China railway com-  
munication a great deal of hopeless ignorance  
of the country is displayed in the various  
proposals put forward. The Yunnan  
Company's expedition was, we take it, sent  
out to help to dispel this ignorance; but we  
must confess to feeling uncertain still  
whether the case has been finally settled  
against the possibility of the railway. After  
Lord Curzon's speech to the Rangoon Cham-  
ber of Commerce a year ago, we were con-  
vinced that no Government help to any such  
scheme could be expected. After the paper  
read before the British Association at  
Belfast, we imagined that the most exhaus-  
tive surveying had proved the feasibility  
of the line out of the question. But the  
remarks addressed to the Royal Geographical  
Society by the author of the paper read to the  
British Association still leaves us in doubt.  
There seems to be some inconsistency in the  
views expressed on the two latter occasions.

The number of visitors to the City Hall  
Library and Museum during the week ending  
24th inst. was 167 non-Chinese and 62 Chinese  
to the former and 36 non-Chinese and 2,370  
Chinese to the latter institution.

Detected by the inmates whilst he was at-  
tempting to perpetrate a burglary in a Chinese  
dwelling-house in Queen's Road West, and  
eager to avoid arrest, a Chinaman jumped  
over the verandah to the street and was killed  
by the fall.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Church  
Missionary Association will be held in S. Paul's  
College on Friday, January 2nd, at 4.30 p.m.  
The Rev. E. J. Barnett will give an address on  
"Missionary Work Amongst the Chinese in  
Australia," and the Rev. J. Dathan, R.N., will  
speak on "Missionary Work in Japan." The  
chair will be taken by Sir W. Meigh Goodman,  
K.C., Chief Justice.

At the meeting of the Singapore Legislative  
Council on the 19th inst. H.E. the Governor  
announced that he had concluded with His  
Highness the Sultan of Johore arrangements  
for the construction of the last link of the rail-  
way which would connect the Singapore end of  
the Colony with the other. It is therefore only  
a question of time now to complete the Malayan  
Peninsula Grand Trunk line.

In connection with the capture just effected  
of the notorious Humberts, the following from  
the Daily Chronicle's Paris correspondent on  
the 21st ult. is interesting:—"The search for  
the Humberts is now assuming a serious form.  
It is stated on authority that M. Vallé,  
Minister of Justice, has issued special instruc-  
tions to the police to devote their utmost  
energies to the discovery of the delinquents.  
This new-born activity is apparently the out-  
come of a counter campaign on the side of the  
unfortunate creditors, who are forming a fund  
to carry on the search for themselves. It  
would never do for the authorities to be  
vanquished on their own ground by private  
enterprise. The 'Humbert Capture Fund'  
represents already about £4,000. Meanwhile,  
Madame Gustave Humbert, widow of the ex-  
Minister of Justice, has commenced an action  
for £4,000 against M. Bonleux, the director  
of the unfortunate Union Générale, on account  
of a letter published in the *Libre Parole*, which  
Madame Humbert regards as a libel on the  
memory of her late husband.

The veteran missionary, Sinologist and scholar,  
the Rev. Dr. Joseph Edkins, has completed the  
76th year of his age. Dr. Edkins has been  
upwards of 53 years in China.

The Indian Medical Gazette reports that  
dengue fever, which has been prevalent in  
Burma (and the Gazette might have added, in  
the Far East generally) has reached Calcutta  
and Madras.

Interviewed in Calcutta, Mr. John Barrett  
said President Roosevelt had offered him the  
appointment of Minister Plenipotentiary to  
Japan, and that he had never expressed any  
views on the subject of excluding Japanese from  
America.

From private advices received in Singapore,  
it appears that in November last the orders that  
the 1st Battalion Manchester Regiment were  
to leave South Africa for Singapore had been  
countermanded, and that they were not expected  
to leave for another twelve months.

The police at Shanghai have been very busy  
of late destroying all dogs at large without a  
muzzle. It is astonishing to learn that in less  
than three days, in the Hongkew district alone,  
no less than 121 dogs were shot—all Chinese  
"wongks." The biggest individual bug was 21.

Dr. G. R. Parkin, who has been at Oxford,  
arranging the conditions on which the Rhodes  
scholarships will be admitted to the University  
and Colleges, will be engaged for the next three or  
four months in consulting authorities through-  
out Canada and the United States with a view  
to furnishing the Rhodes trustees with the  
information necessary to fixing upon methods  
for the election of the Rhodes scholars.

R.M.S. *Britannia* took part in several sport-  
ing events in Bangkok lately. On the 14th her  
marksmen fired a match on the Sapatoon hills  
against the Krang Thro Rifle Association,  
winning by 33 points. On the 16th the Bang-  
kok men reversed the result, winning by 30.  
Rear-Admiral Grenfell was one of those present  
at the latter match. On the 16th inst. also a  
Bangkok Association football team defeated  
R.M.S. *Britannia* by 5 goals to nil.

It appears that hardly any importance is  
attached in Rome to the news from Brussels to  
the effect that negotiations have been started  
between the European Governments for com-  
mon action against Anarchists, as a result of  
Rabini's attempt on King Leopold. The failure  
of the International Conference held in  
Rome four years ago on the Italian Govern-  
ment's initiative, and the fact that several  
Governments, like the English and Swiss,  
refuse to introduce legislative measures against  
Anarchists, lead to the belief that another  
conference would be equally futile.

Lieutenant Hino, who returned to Tokyo  
recently from North China, has made public  
his invention of an automatic revolver. The  
officer, who is an expert in English, German,  
and French, has been in Peking since last year.  
His new weapon is a repeater carrying ten  
bullets. Each empty bullet is discharged and a  
new bullet is loaded by the reaction of the  
discharge. There is scarcely any recoil to the  
weapon, the weakest person being able to fire it.  
The range of the weapon is 1,000 metres and it  
is capable of firing 80 rounds per minute. The  
mechanism is very simple and the cost of pro-  
ducing the weapon is reported to be very cheap  
as compared to the cost of ordinary revolvers.

A letter has been received in Singapore from  
Calcutta, from Mr. Allan Hamilton, Mr.  
Brough's manager, relating to the forthcoming  
visit to Singapore of the Brough Company:—"I  
am writing the Town Clerk by this mail,  
asking for the Town Hall to be reserved for  
Monday, February 9th, on which date we shall  
pass through Singapore en route to Hongkong  
per steamer *Nam Sang*. We shall play *Are you  
a Muslim?* the latest London farce comedy,  
on the night of February 9th. As you have no  
doubt read, it is the merriest farce we have had  
for many a day, and infinitely more amusing  
than *The Private Secretary* and *Charley's Aunt*.  
We have been playing the farce here to the  
heaviest receipts in our experience of Calcutta."

Count Alexander Constantinovitch Bonchen-  
doff, the new Russian Ambassador to the  
Court of St. James's, was born in St. Peters-  
burg in 1849. He entered one of the depart-  
ments of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs at  
the age of 19. In 1871 he was appointed  
Secretary to the Russian Embassy in Berlin,  
where he remained till 1878, when he was given  
a post in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.  
After being made Court Master of Ceremonies  
in 1883, he was three years later appointed  
First Secretary to the Imperial Embassy in  
Vienna, where he afterwards occupied the post  
of Councillor till his nomination in 1897 as  
Russian Minister Plenipotentiary to the Danish  
Court. Two years later he was raised to the  
dignity of Court Marshal. His appointment  
as Ambassador to Great Britain was practically  
decided upon two years ago.

Among the sayings attributed to the late Mr.  
Commissioner Kerr, for 42 years Judge of the  
City of London Court, who died last month, are  
the following:—"Always put your bargains into  
writing. Pens are cheap, ink is cheap, and paper  
is cheap. People contradict each other so much  
that by and by every commercial transaction  
will have to be reduced to writing. When you  
go to buy a loaf even you will have to take an  
order for it in writing to prevent a contradiction  
arising." "The moment that you, a foreigner,  
land at Dover, you are supposed to know the  
whole law of England—which nobody I know  
ever knew." "King David said in his haste,  
'All men are liars.' If he had been sitting here  
for 40 years as I have done he would have said  
it in his leisure." "If you have a good case  
you are safe with a Judge. If you have a bad  
one you always have a chance with a jury."

## TELEGRAMS.

## REUTER'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 27th December.

## MR. CHAMBERLAIN AT DURBAN.

Mr. Chamberlain, speaking at a luncheon at  
Durban, said that the British flag was, and must  
continue to be, paramount in South Africa.  
Reconciliation with our late enemies should be  
easy, and he saw no cause for despair. He came  
in a spirit of cordiality, but also in a spirit of  
firmness. Federation was our great aim, but it  
would be a great mistake to hasten it promp-  
tly. He mentioned that the Government had  
accepted the offer of a Boer contingent for  
service in Somaliland.

## MAIL NEWS.

The German mail of the 26th ult. was  
delivered in London on the 27th inst.  
The P. & O. s.s. *Chusan*, with the English  
mails of the 5th ult., left Singapore on Monday,  
at noon, and is due here on Sunday, at about 10  
a.m. Replies may be expected to correspondence  
despatched hence on the 3rd November.

## NEW YEAR ENTERTAINMENT.

Zamoni, the well-known conjurer, ventrilo-  
quist, musician and mimic, will give a perform-  
ance on Thursday evening in S. Patrick's  
Club Hall, owing to the City Hall not being  
available. Zamoni is at present on tour through  
China, Japan and India, and has been very  
favorably received wherever he has appeared.  
His reasonable entertainment will doubtless be  
largely patronised. A special and original  
feature of the show is his conjuring feats with  
cards, coins, and billiard-balls. The entertain-  
ment commences at 9 o'clock.

## THE HEALTH OF HONGKONG.

A belated Sanitary Board return reached us  
yesterday morning, reporting that during the  
day ending at noon on Saturday a Chinese  
had died of plague at 18, Wing Sing Street.  
Since then a further case has been reported,  
a Chinese being found dead in Stanley Street,  
during the day ending at noon yesterday.  
The total number of cases of communicable  
disease reported in the Colony last week were:  
—Plague, 1 (Chinese), fatal; diphtheria, 1  
(Chinese); enteric fever, 1 (European, imported  
from Haiphong); small-pox, 1 (Chinese).

## FRENCH STEAMER IN DISTRESS.

Captain G. Schalkier of the German s.s.  
*Carl Dietrichsen*, which arrived here yesterday  
from Haiphong, Pakhoi and Hoihow, having  
left the last-named port on the 27th inst.,  
reports that on Sunday morning, the 28th, he  
sighted the French s.s. *Quang Nam*, from  
Saigon, flying signals of distress and lying at  
anchor in Shito Bay, St. John's. The *Carl  
Dietrichsen* steamed for the distressed vessel  
and found that she was short of coal; she took  
one bag of mail matter, 76 Chinese passengers  
and 1 Japanese off the *Quang Nam* and  
proceeded to Hongkong.

U.S. CITIZEN IN TROUBLE IN  
JAPAN.

On the 17th inst. in the Osaka Appeal Court,  
judgment was delivered in the appeal made by  
Charles Clifford, an American citizen, against  
the decision of the Kobe Chiho Saibansho, by  
which he was sentenced on 21st August last to  
imprisonment for a term of four months with  
hard labour, a fine of 5 yen, and to be placed under  
police supervision for six months. The offences  
proved against him (says the *Kobe Chronicle*)  
were that of defrauding the Oriental Hotel  
Company of 41.50 yen, and of fraudulently  
obtaining a suit of clothes from Tong Cheong,  
a Chinese tailor, Kobe, and silk-embroidered  
wall hangings and other pictures from Toyoy-  
eya, a Kobe silk store. The decision of the  
Kobe Court was quashed by the Appeal Court,  
a technical mistake having been made in the  
reasons given. The prisoner, however, was  
sentenced to imprisonment for the same term  
with labour, fined the same amount, and con-  
demned to police surveillance for the same  
period as ordered by the Kobe Court.

THE STRAITS AND THE CURRENCY  
QUESTION.

A meeting of the Penang Chamber of Com-  
merce, at which a resolution was passed in favour  
of a gold standard, was held on the 16th inst.,  
with Mr. Robert Yeats in the chair. Some of  
the speakers wanted the Chamber to mention  
a conversion rate. The Chairman in dissenting  
said that the time for discussing the exchange  
rate would be when the report of the Currency  
Commission came before the Legislative Council.  
The balance of opinion expressed leaned to a  
2½-dollar. Another strong point made was that  
the change to gold should be made now before  
disaster arises from the dollar dropping to  
1/6 or 1/4.

The Miners' Association discussed the Cur-  
rency Question at a meeting at Kuala Lumpur,  
and passed a resolution in favour of holding on  
to a silver basis. The Miners held that a low  
dollar suited them, and that they would never  
be able to get their colonies to consent to or  
understand the proposed change. The United  
Planters' Association have held a meeting at  
Kuala Lumpur at which it was decided by eight  
votes to one that the fixing of the local currency  
on a gold basis would be beneficial to the planting  
community. The resolution further declared  
that the conversion should take place on the  
basis of the sovereign with decimal subsidiary  
coinage.

## FOOTBALL.

## H.K.F.C. v. "OLD CROCKS."

Yesterday afternoon the H.K.F.C. played a  
team of "Old Cocks" at the Happy Valley.  
A heavy rain fell during the game. There  
were only a few spectators, and some of these  
were ladies, who attended doubtless to see the  
"Old Cocks" disport themselves. The "Old  
Cocks" team should have been as follows:—  
D. Wood, goal; H. Pinckney and Lieut.  
Donkin, R.N., backs; W. H. Howard, H. W.  
Locker, and A. Brooks-Smith, halves; A. R.  
Lewo, Dr. Atkinson, E. Hancock, J. D.  
Danby, and Comr. Kiddle, R.N., forwards.  
Lieut. Donkin and Comr. Kiddle did not turn  
up. The Rev. E. H. Good, R.N., took the latter's  
place. The Club team also was short. As  
arranged it should have been:—Holmes, goal;  
Baras and Bonnar, backs; Macdonald, Kaw  
and Caulfield, halves; Lemarchand, Libaud,  
Cooper, Cooke, and Kerr, forwards. Kerr did  
not put in an appearance, and the Club played  
without a goal-keeper.

Mr. Lane, H.M.S. *Glory*, was referee.  
From the kick-off the first dangerous looking  
attack came from the "Cocks." Hancock got  
away down the centre towards the tenanted  
Club goal and passed across the wing to Lowe,  
but the latter, missing his footing on the slip-  
pery pitch, fell and the goal was cleared.  
Soon afterwards the play was transferred to  
the other end, and as the result of some  
sermoneering work in front of goal Wood was  
beaten by a swift shot from the Club centre-  
man Cooper who had another try for goal before  
long but was defeated in his purpose by the watch-  
fulness of Locker, who at half-back was play-  
ing a bustling game. Hancock several times  
carried his forwards well up the field. He  
himself had two long shots for goal. One  
went past; the other was turned just in time  
by Bonnar. Play was very fast and changed  
constantly from one end to the other. Just  
before the half-time whistle blew Macdonald  
got in a long shot which again beat Wood.

Half-time—Club, 2 goals; "Old Cocks," 1.  
The Club opened the second half by pressing  
hard on the "Cocks" defence. Lemarchand  
and Libaud carried the ball up the wing and  
the former centred. Cooper was waiting for  
the pass and sent in a hard shot, but Wood saved  
brilliantly. Then Hancock got away on one of  
his fast runs down the centre and had a try,  
or so more unsuccessfully, for a goal. The Club  
did not give the "Cocks" much breathing space  
before again assailing their defence. The  
"Cocks" goalkeeper was several times called  
upon to save and in despite of his stubborn  
custodianship he was once more beaten, the  
goal falling to a swift shot from Cooper.  
The "Cocks" showed no sign of despondency  
in the face of the long lead established by their  
opponents; they played on manfully and at  
length were rewarded with a goal, shot by Lowe.  
Thirty minutes later they increased their score  
by another point, the honour this time falling  
to Hancock. The game ended without further  
scoring. It should be mentioned that the two  
players, Dr. Atkinson and the Rev. Mr. Good,  
played remarkably well, though both developed  
a limp before the finish.

Full-time—Club, 3 goals; "Old Cocks," 2.

## THEATRE ROYAL.

The *Lady of Ostend*, the play which was so  
well received in the early part of the Janet  
Waldorf Co.'s season, was once more staged last  
night by this talented company. In spite of the  
wretched state of the weather there was a  
good audience, who testified their appreciation  
by constant rounds of applause. *Camille*, another  
of this company's masterpieces, will be given to-  
night, and, as already announced, *Sweet Nell of  
Old Drury* will occupy the boards on the 31st  
December and the 1st January, after which the  
company will leave for Shanghai for a short  
season there.

Such a charming play as *Sweet Nell of Old  
Drury* should prove a fitting conclusion to the  
remarkably fine season of the Janet Waldorf  
Company. Amongst recent dramas *Sweet Nell*  
ranks as one of the most brilliant successes, and  
its fame has for some time echoed through the  
East. The play is a reflex of the times of  
Charles II. and the romantic love-story of the  
Merry Marchioness and Nell Gwynne, the orange-  
girl, forms the main plot. The characters are  
all historical and the leading incidents are  
clothed with the added charm of reality. Nell  
is of course the leading character. She por-  
trays the piece as her influence did the  
period in which she lived. Charles II. is  
introduced as a secondary character, and  
we also find Lord Jeffries—playing the  
villain, of course—Lord Rochester, Lady  
Castlemaine and the Duchess of Portsmouth.  
Perhaps the play would be best described as a  
comedy-drama, for the lighter vein prevails  
throughout. Miss Waldorf's Company promise  
all the scenic and costume effects necessary  
to the production. The costumes of the period  
have for some time been in the hands of Mrs.  
T. W. Wisby, the capable wardrobe mistress  
of the Company. The scenery takes the  
audience from the street outside the Kings'  
Theatre, where Nell is seen as the orange girl,  
to the beautiful apartments of Mistress Gwynne,  
now the great actress, and subsequently to Lord  
Jeffries' chambers and the King's Palace at  
Whitehall.

The box-plan for this interesting production  
is now open at Robinson's.

The wife of a Methodist minister in West  
Virginia has been married three times, says a  
yellow journal. Her maiden name was  
Partridge, her first husband was named Robin,  
her second Sparrow, and the present one's name  
is Quyle. "There are now two young Robins,  
one Sparrow, and three little Quyles in the  
family. One grandfather was a Swann and  
another was a Joy, but he is dead and now a  
bird of Paradise. They live in Hawk Avenue,  
Bagleville, Canary Islands, and the fellow who  
writes this is a lyre bird.

## SEAMEN'S MISSION.

The usual Christmas festivities were entered  
into this year with the customary enthusiasm.  
Again a large number of local friends came  
forward and made a "Happy Christmas"  
possible for 250 seafaring men, and the hospi-  
tality of Hongkong is not likely to be soon  
forgotten by those who partook of it in the  
Sailors' Institute, Kowloon, on Christmas Day.  
A Sports Committee had been at work and  
provided a varied and interesting list of  
events; they had also succeeded in reserving  
a nice lot of prizes to be awarded to the  
successful competitors. Three launches having  
collected the men from the various ships  
proceeded to Stonecutters' Island, which the  
Colonial Secretary had very kindly lent for  
the occasion. Here the men entered very  
heartily into the sports and appeared to enjoy  
themselves to the full. The excitement how-  
ever centred round the tug-of-war between  
teams representing sailors, bluejackets, marines,  
and merchant sailors. The latter after a severe  
struggle were declared the victors.

While the men were thus enjoying themselves  
the ladies were busy at the Institute preparing  
for their return. All were quite ready after  
the afternoon games for the sumptuous tea,  
&c., with which the table groaned, and full  
justice was done to the careful catering of the  
ladies. There did not seem to be an inch of space  
available either outside—or inside. The wants  
of the inter man having been thus supplied, an  
adjournment was made topside. A beautiful  
little ship about 10 feet long, rigged as a brig  
and named the "Star" adorned the upper end of  
the room. A miscellaneous concert was engaged  
in, the men taking up the choruses in a manner  
that did credit to British songs. Mrs. Milton  
kindly distributed the prizes won at the sports  
in the afternoon. On entering the room each  
man had received a mysterious numbered card,  
about which there was considerable conjecture  
during the evening. The solution however was  
at hand, when the little Captain of the Brig  
(Miss Lily Thompson) stopped on deck and  
proceeded to the discharge of the cargo. It was  
found that the hold of the ship contained some  
250 small parcels, and sitting down on the hatch  
combing the "Captain" quickly proceeded to  
find consignees for the various packages. Each  
packet was marked to correspond with the bills  
of lading in the hands of the men present. It  
was found that warm hearts had been busy  
for weeks getting this cargo ready for shipment  
and not a man left the room without carrying  
off some portion thereof. All had enjoyed  
themselves to the full, and many were the  
expressions of gratitude to the ladies and other  
friends who had enabled them to spend such a  
pleasant Christmas.

The annual meeting will be held on Tuesday  
evening, 30th inst., at the Institute, Kowloon.  
The choir (assisted by some friends) will give a  
selection of carols. Mr. Brown, Mr. How, and  
others will sing solo, and several of the local  
clergy will give short addresses. Contributed.

## POLICE COURT.

Monday, 29th December.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (POLICE  
MAGISTRATE.)

## TORTURING A CAT TO DEATH.

Kwan Ching, a Chinese-Chinese, finding  
time lying heavy on his hands, sent about for  
something to do. Michael formed the only  
outlet for his energies, and an unfortunate  
kitten was made the instrument for  
providing him with the necessary excitement.  
He procured some kerosene oil, poured it  
over the poor little creature, and  
applied a light. The cat, all in a blaze, rushed  
out into the street, where it was seized by a  
compassionate native who extinguished the  
flames. It died later from the effects of the  
severe burns sustained.

Kwan Ching, who pleaded guilty to the  
offence, and made the guileless statement that  
"the cat had kerosene oil on it," was fined 25/-  
or a month.

## THE QUELBY BAY RIOT.

The twenty Chinamen arrested by the police  
on Saturday on suspicion of being concerned  
in the outbreak which led to the murder  
of one Indian watchman and the injury of seven  
others, were brought up on two charges, one of  
murder and the other of attempted murder.  
They all pleaded not guilty, and were remanded  
for a week.

## ALLEGED ARSON.

In connection with the outbreak of fire on  
Saturday last at 318, Queen's Road West,  
when a three-story house was completely gutted,  
two Chinamen were charged with arson, and  
remanded till Tuesday, 6th prox.  
The circumstances attending their arrest were  
rather peculiar. Before the flames were noticed  
a hukong was passing by house and saw the two  
defendants run out. He thought they were  
thieves, and immediately placed them in custody.  
The hands of one small strongly of kerosene  
oil, but the circumstance was not particularly  
noted until after the fire, when the charge on  
which they are remanded was proved against them.

## ALLEGED ARMED ROBBERY.

Several Chinamen entered a native dwelling-  
house in the Yau-mai district on Sunday night,  
and by threats and a display of the chopsticks  
they carried in their hands compelled the  
inmates to remain quiet whilst they ransacked  
the place. With the booty secured they ultimately  
decamped, but the police got on the  
track and arrested two of the robbers, besides  
recovering the stolen property.  
The defendants were remanded.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. steamer *Olyan* left Singapore  
for this port on the 29th inst., at noon, with the  
outward English mails, and is due here on the  
4th prox., at about 10 a.m.  
The P.M. steamer *China*, with mails, &c., left  
Shanghai yesterday at 9 a.m.  
The M.M. steamer *Caledonia* left Singapore on  
the 29th inst., at 5 p.m., for this port via  
Saigon.  
The N.Y.K. steamer *Bombay Maru* (Bombay  
Line) left Shimomaki for this port on the 29th  
inst., and is expected here on the 1st prox.  
The N.P. steamer *Duke of York* left Tacoma  
for Yokohama and the usual ports of call on the  
25th inst.  
The N.P. steamer *Tacoma* left Yokohama for  
Tacoma on the 27th inst.  
The Boston S.S. Co.'s steamer *Skawmut* left  
Victoria, B.C., for Yokohama on the 24th inst.  
The N.P. steamer *Olympia* arrived at Yoko-  
hama on the 24th inst.



## CHINA-BORNEO CO., LD.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in the above Company was held at noon yesterday in the offices, 4, Queen's Buildings, for the purpose of considering a special resolution regarding the winding-up of the concern. The Hon. C. S. Sharp presided, and the others present were Messrs. E. Osborn, A. G. Wood, G. C. C. Master, J. C. Peter, H. W. Wickham, J. A. Jupp, A. O. Baptista, Leung Shiu Lun, and W. D. Jupp (Acting Manager).

The notice calling the meeting having been read,

The Chairman said:—Our last meeting was held on 27th October, when the resolution was confirmed affirming the expediency of effecting an amalgamation of this Company with the Borneo Hardwood Company, Limited, and authorizing the Consulting Committee to confirm and carry into effect a provisional agreement entered into for this purpose, with such modifications and additions as they might consider best in the interests of this Company. During the interval which has elapsed arrangements relating to the foregoing have been proceeded with both here and in Borneo, and the time seems now to have arrived when, in order to carry the above-mentioned purpose into effect, we have to ask you to take the further step of passing the necessary resolution to place this Company in liquidation, a step which will be followed in due course by the incorporation and registration of a new Company for the purpose of taking over the two concerns on terms of the agreement made for that purpose. The original provisional agreement submitted to you at the meetings of 11th and 27th October last was, as then described, one dated 28th August last, entered into in London between this Company by Mr. J. M. Wheeler, and the Borneo Hardwood Company, Limited, and by the terms of the resolution passed and confirmed by you at those meetings, the Consulting Committee were authorized to confirm the same "with such modifications and additions as they might consider best in the interests of this Company." These modifications and additions referred to certain details, negotiations about which we had been conducting with Mr. Wheeler by telegram, of which it was necessary we should receive written confirmation, and we have since received a further provisional agreement, dated London, 21st October last, which embodied the provisions of the first agreement of 28th August, and all the modifications and additions as arranged, and this latter agreement therefore takes the place of that of 28th August. This agreement of 21st October has now been ratified, and becomes the basis of the amalgamation of the two Companies, its provisions being in all essentials the same as those of 11th October last. I may here state that, since the notice was given calling this meeting, it has been considered that the form of resolution therein given is rather bald, and that it should contain some reference to the proceedings at our meetings of 11th and 27th October last, so as to define more precisely the objects and reasons for the proposed liquidation. Any alteration from the form of resolution, as advertised, had better come in the form of an amendment from the shareholders present, so as to move the necessary amendment. I shall be obliged if he will do so after the original resolution as advertised has been proposed and seconded. The resolution speaks for itself, but I may explain here that it has been thought advisable to name three persons as liquidators, so as to make full provision for the carrying out of all the necessary arrangements in case of any of them being absent at any time from the Colony. I will now propose the resolution as follows:—"That the Company be wound up voluntarily under the provisions of the Companies Ordinance, 1885 to 1899, and that the Honourable Charles Stewart Sharp, Alexander George Wood, and John Thomas Martin Wheeler be appointed liquidators of the said Company, with liberty for each of them solely to exercise all the powers of the joint liquidators be and they are hereby authorized to consent to the preparation of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of a new Company to be incorporated under the Companies Ordinance of Hongkong under the name of The China-Borneo Company, Limited, or some similar title."

Mr. J. A. JUPP seconded.

Mr. MASTER proposed the following amendment to the resolution:—"That the purpose of carrying into effect the special resolution duly passed and confirmed at extraordinary general meetings of the Company held on the 11th and 27th days of October, 1902, the Company be wound up voluntarily under the provisions of the Companies Ordinance 1885 to 1899, and that the Honourable Charles Stewart Sharp, Alexander George Wood, and John Thomas Martin Wheeler be appointed liquidators of the said Company with liberty for each of them solely to exercise all the powers of the joint liquidators be and they are hereby authorized to consent to the preparation of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of a new Company to be incorporated under the name of The China-Borneo Company, Limited, or some similar title."

Mr. FETTER seconded, and the amendment was agreed to unanimously.

This was all the business. Another meeting will be held fourteen days hence to confirm the later resolution.

## THE OPERATIONS IN CHINA

## OFFICERS' SERVICES.

The London Gazette of the 21st ult. contains a despatch received by the Secretary of State for India from Major-General O'Moore Creagh, V.O., commanding the British contingent of the China Force, on the field operations of the force in North China since July 21, 1901, on which date he took over the command from Lieutenant-General Sir A. Gaselee, up to the date of the reduction which was completed on September 20, 1902. After describing the constitution of the British Force after the reduction in the autumn of last year, following upon the evacuation of Peking, Major-General Creagh describes the work of the force, mentioning the services of various officers as follows:—

Of Colonel O'Connor, C.B., Principal Medical Officer, the despatch says:—"To the constant vigilance of Colonel O'Connor, C.B., Principal Medical Officer, and the officers serving under him, in attending to everything that could promote the health and secure the comfort of the men, must be to a great extent due the excellent health enjoyed by both troops and followers, and their immunity from outbreaks of plague, smallpox, and cholera which were raging in epidemic form in many districts during the year; while their care, skill, and attention to the sick reduced the death-rate in the force to a remarkably small figure."

Major Ducat, Indian Staff Corps is "to be mainly credited," according to the despatch, with the suppression of piracy on the Pei Ho river, which had been from time immemorial a standing hindrance to trade. Its suppression was a marvellous and dangerous work, well carried out.

Major Wingate was in command of the Intelligence branch, which has worked well and

unceasingly and collected and collaborated many valuable maps and much valuable information. "Major Wingate," according to the despatch, "has been in China since 1897, and has a very great knowledge of the country. He knows the language and is friendly with many Chinese of note. He is indefatigable and takes great interest in the work, in which he has been most successful." Major-General Creagh recommends him to the consideration of the Secretary of State.

Captain Tolland, Royal Engineers, was officer in charge at the destruction of the forts between Peking and the sea. "These forts were in possession of troops of all nations, which rendered the work difficult and required much tact in the officer in charge, Captain Tolland, Royal Engineers, who carried it out most successfully and without accident or controversy."

Captain Picot, Royal Engineers, as Garrison Engineer, Tientsin, had "much hard work in dealing with land-owners, householders, merchants, and other officers, and has done it well."

Captain Woods, Royal Artillery Ordnance Officer, has, according to the despatch, "had much hard work in improving mounted infantry equipment and in unforeseen repairs. He has had, in fact, to turn his ordnance depot into a small field service gun carriage factory to meet sudden requirements, and he has done it well. His services have been invaluable."

Captain Harnie and Yamakoshi were respectively German and Japanese directors of the Peking-Tientsin-Tongku-Shanhai-Kwan Railway, and to their hearty co-operation the cordial relations between the railway and all contingents were to a large extent due.

Lieutenant Hall, 34th Pioneers, performed a service which is thus described:—"I would specially bring to your lordship's notice the operations of a small detachment of the 4th Punjab Infantry, under Lieutenant Hall, 34th Punjab Pioneers, on December 17, 1901, in which he succeeded in accounting for a band of 15 brigands, capturing four and only allowing one to escape. The fight lasted nearly 12 hours, the brigands being strongly posted in buildings and having unlimited rifles, revolvers, and ammunition, and having to be burnt out. I, his Lieutenant Hall, succeeded in effecting without having a single casualty in his detachment, and was thanked by a special 'Ordre du jour' of the 'Official Government.'"

Commander Elderton, D.S.O., Royal Indian Marine, in command of the Marine Transport Department, which did excellent service, is described as "an extremely efficient officer."

Besides the officers mentioned above, Major-General Creagh brings the services of the following to the notice of the Secretary of State for special good work:—

Staff: Colonel O'Sullivan, Royal Engineers, Chief Staff Officer, who has had varied and difficult duties, being my delegate on the Provisional Government from December 1, 1901, till its dissolution on August 14, 1902.

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Bower, Indian Staff Corps, who was my delegate on the Provisional Government from July 21, 1901, till November 30, 1901.

Major Drake Brockman, Indian Staff Corps, Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, has had much hard work in connection with movement of troops. He is an excellent Staff Officer, who has done excellent work.

Major Grimston, Indian Staff Corps, Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, is a tactful and good Staff Officer, whose advancement would be for the good of the State.

Captain Fane, Indian Staff Corps, was Provost-Marshal and Police Commissioner in Tientsin. His duties were of a most anxious, important and difficult nature, and he carried them out with tact and untiring energy, and contributed largely to the good relations which have existed between the various nationalities, military and civil, in Tientsin.

Captain Ross, Indian Staff Corps, similarly did good work at Shanghai, but there matters were in a more settled state than at Tientsin.

Captain Fortescue, Indian Staff Corps, and Major Erol, Indian Staff Corps, have done well in the Supply and Transport Department. The latter officer was very useful in engaging Chinese coolies and in dealing with the natives of the country.

Captain Aze, Army Veterinary Department, has done good work, and is a most efficient officer.

Lieutenant Mainprize, Royal Engineers, is an excellent officer, who has done good work.

Company Sergeant-Major Withers, Royal Engineers. His technical knowledge and tact have been most useful.

Staff-Sergeant Wells, Supply and Transport Corps, has done good work.

Major-General Creagh notices the services of officers of the British Railway and others in the following terms:—

Lieutenant Colonel C. A. R. Brown, Royal Engineers, the Director. This officer's services have been invaluable. He is an able administrator, tactful and discreet.

Of the services of Major Dunsterville, Indian Staff Corps, and Captain Kell, South Staffordshire Regiment, Railway Staff Officers, I cannot speak too highly. Their tact, knowledge of foreign languages, and invariable courtesy, at all times and to all people, have been of the greatest assistance in keeping up untroubled good relations with all nationalities, and they have carried out their heavy railway and other duties to my complete satisfaction.

In the state of affairs which have existed these duties have been as varied as original.

Of the Civil Staff Mr. Bioracki, of the Indian P.W.D., has been most efficient as locomotive superintendent.

To the loyal assistance of Mr. J. E. Foley, a Mr. A. G. Cox, Engineer-in-Chief (both in service of the Imperial Chinese Railway), the Railway Administration is much indebted.

Captain P. G. Twining, Royal Engineers, only died under me from July 21, 1901, to the end of August, 1901, but I think it right to bring your lordship's notice his work, and for his services in organizing the locomotive department, pitching up engines, &c., with scant materials, and in record time; that, department, and in record time; that, he had worked on the foundations which he had laid.

Americans at last began to take the divorce question seriously. Hitherto, in their eyes, it was a sort of social croquet, and a fitting subject for their "acid" and their "ambiguities" in divorce is rescued from its ambiguous position and put on a social level—a marriage longer a joke, but even celebration. As is, congratulation, and it is the West that has a right and natural, it is the West that has led in the lead in this revolution, and in the West, Minnesota. The Boston papers reprint, with great appreciation, a card that has been received from a friend of the divorcee:—"My dear Boston Society:—I am glad to hear that you are so busy with the divorce of Ernest J. Ber daughter Court of San Francisco grants Superior Court, January 11, 1902." The ex-warden accompanying this announcement the cards:—"Glorious Society, Waseca, Minn." "Mrs. Sonstely." It only remains for J. Bryant and his friends to organize a celebration.

## LATE TELEGRAMS.

## NEWS VIA BANGKOK.

## THE EDUCATION BILL.

The amendment to the Education Bill dealing with school main tenance, which was carried against Government in the House of Lords, was proposed by the Bishop of Manchester. Its supporters included eighteen Lords Spiritual, thirteen Roman Catholic Peers, and many Conservatives. The Liberals supported Government.

LORD LANSDOWNE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS. London, 12th December.

Speaking at the dinner of the Union Club held at the Hotel Cecil, Lord Lansdowne said he deprecated inveterate antipathies and was glad German and British sailors were acting side by side. He regretfully denied the impression, statement, that every difficulty with France was on the eve of settlement, but such reports indicated that the wind of public feeling was blowing in the right direction.

## THE STRIKE IN FRANCE.

London, 12th December.

The Marcellin Chamber of Commerce has sent a strong letter to the Government and demands the enforcement of the law against *incivisme maritime*, whom it characterizes as deserters.

London, 13th December.

The *Arabia* has been obliged to leave a quantity of freight at Marseilles in consequence of the strike.

## THE P. AND O.

London, 12th December.

At the annual meeting of the Peninsular and Oriental Company, Sir Thomas Sutherland announced considerable modifications in passenger fares, particularly in the case of India, which will be introduced on the 1st January. London will continue to be the headquarters.

## THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

London, 12th December.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is losing strength and his condition causes anxiety.

London, 13th December.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is weaker. Special prayers are being offered at the Abbey and St. Paul's.

## THE ABYSSINIAN TREATY.

London, 13th December.

The Treaty with Abyssinia, dated 15th May, has been published. It delimits the border north of sixth parallel and gives to Sudan the territory north of the Blue Nile and eastward of the thirty-fifth meridian. Hitherto the provisional boundary extending seventy miles west of Gedaraf gives to Abyssinia the territory westward of the thirty-fifth meridian, south of the Blue Nile and extending to the junction of the Blue Nile and Akobo rivers. Abyssinia undertakes not to obstruct the waters of the Blue Nile, Sobat, and Tana, and to permit the railway joining Uganda and the Sudan through Abyssinian territory. It leases to Sudan a commercial station of 400 hectares in the neighbourhood of Itang on the Baro.

## VENEZUELA.

London, 13th December.

A despatch from Mr. Bowen, dated the 10th December, mentions he visited all the prisoners, namely, 44 Germans and 10 British. Some were so poor that he gave them food, and he subsequently secured their release.

The British warship *Charybdis* and the German *Vineia* and another have returned to La Guaira and occupied a position commanding the port, and have stopped merchantmen from entering. The Venezuelans are concentrating at La Guaira and evidently intend abandoning La Guaira. President Castro rejects every point of the German ultimatum.

## SOMALILAND.

Alalabab, 13th December.

The despatch of Indian troops to Somaliland is estimated at £20,000, and the monthly recurring expense is £2,000. These charges will be borne by the Home Government.

## UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL.

London, 13th December.

In the Oxford and Cambridge Rugby football match on goal and a try were scored by each side.

## AFGHAN AFFAIRS.

Alalabab, 14th December.

The *Pioneer's* frontier correspondent states that the Afghan subjects of the Ameer are resenting the call to arms in his Army, and that recruitment will probably be stopped forthwith. It has not been very successful so far.

## FOOCHOW.

We take the following items from the *Foochow Echo* of the 20th December:—

The festivities of the race-week were brought to a close by two cheerful entertainments, one a dinner given by Mr. Dragoman, the proud winner of "The Champions" and other races, on Saturday evening, to which twenty-four sat down; and the other a fiftieth Anniversary of the residence of the late Mr. S. A. S. at his residence at Kailashan, which was given by twenty-seven were present. Both functions passed off successfully and were much enjoyed by all. The guests at both included our sporting visitors from other ports, the movements of the coast steamers having accommodatedly allowed of their prolonging their stay over the last race day, which has seldom happened before when we have had race-meetings.

At the auction of race-ponies the following prices were realised: *Malgache* \$200, *Merida* \$88, *Nippa* \$15, *Bayer* \$14, *Volcan* \$100, *Be-day* and *John* were disposed of privately.

We understand that three or four more are likely to be offered at auction next week. *Manchu*, *Adonis*, *Calibre* and *Blancmange* have left the port.

On Wednesday last the Provincial Judge, Yang Wen Ting, entertained a distinguished company at his yamen in the City, including most of the high officials, the foreign Consuls and the Commissioner of Customs. It was the 50th anniversary of His Excellency's birthday.

Beyond the banquet given there was a theatrical entertainment which was spoken of by those present as being of unusual excellence, both as regards the dresses and style of acting. The yamen was beautifully decorated for the occasion, varied with handsome banners and scrolls of silk embroidery, most of which had been presented to him in the early hours of the day.

We hear that the French have been granted mining concessions in the district of Shan-wu in this province, and that other nationalities are negotiating for similar privileges.

It is understood that the authorities have ordered the services of a British artillery officer as instructor to this branch of the local army, and that this officer will reside at the White Fort.

It is proposed that a general loan exhibition of photographs be held under the auspices of the Foochow Camera Club, during the first week of February, 1903.

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## THE RUMOURED MOVEMENT IN THE NORTH-WEST.

The N. O. Daily News of the 23rd inst. writes:—

The snake that was scooped, not killed, in 1900 is rearing its head menacingly again in the north-west of China, if the reports that reach us from foreigners conversant with what is going on in Kansu are correct, and there is certainly no inherent improbability in them. We mentioned yesterday that 4,000 imperial troops had been disbanded by the provincial Commander-in-Chief of Kansu, under orders from the Peking government—which means Yang Lu—and had at once gone over to Tung Fu-hsiang, which is not remarkable, as they were previously some of Tung Fu-hsiang's men. These men are well provided with modern arms, and Tung's agents are reported to be busy enrolling recruits throughout the north-west. Large quantities of war material were, it is asserted, sent up the Han river for Hsiao during 1900-01, while quick-firing guns and ammunition were sent up as lately as last October. It is added that Tung Fu-hsiang's 10,000 men, who are divided into twenty battalions of 500 men each, their camps being in the wilderness between Kuyuan and Ninghsia, are paid from imperial funds. It is believed that Tung Fu-hsiang has proclaimed Prince Tuan's son, the youth whom the Empress Dowager made Her Apparent and then dismissed, as Emperor of China under the title of Tung Hsi, at the town of the Alashan Mongols, Ting-yuenling, some days north-west of Mobeia. It is known that Fu Chun left Peking for Alashan some little time ago. The palace at Hsiao occupied by the Empress Dowager after her flight from Peking is being got ready to receive the new Emperor Tung Hsi; while Tung Fu-hsiang's agents were to have seized Chengtu, the capital of Szechuen, but this scheme was frustrated by the time by the arrival of the new Viceroy of Szechuen, Tsia Chun-hsun.

It is believed that Yung Lu is privy to all this, though it is hard to imagine that he is a consenting party to the setting up of a rival Emperor of the West, but there have been, as we have said before, a number of indications that something serious is imminent. The proposed absorption by the Government of the telegraphs throughout the empire is a step that will strengthen the hands of the Government and may be disastrous to foreigners in the event of trouble. It seems certain that the Government is not supporting Viceroy Tsia in his efforts to put down disorder in Szechuen; and it is, to say the least, remarkable that China's leading statesman, Cheng Chih-tung, has been removed from Nanking and has not been given any other post; one of the suppositions connected with him being that he will come to Shanghai to conclude the commercial treaties that are still being negotiated; and another that he is to be the virtual Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs at Peking or Tientsin. On the other hand, it is believed in the north that Yung Lu is working to get his son-in-law, Prince Chun, the Emperor's younger brother, made Her Apparent, but it is more probable that should Prince Chun have a son, it is on that son that the doubtful hopes of being Her Apparent to the throne of China will be conferred.

With Liu Kang-yi dead and Chang Chih-tung practically dismissed from office, there may be a considerable change in the Yangtze Valley. Foreigners have confidence in Tsia Fang, the Acting Viceroy at Wuchang, but it is doubtful if he can afford to take the permanent appointment, and if he is a strong enough man for the position. He showed great moral courage in 1900 when he decided to disobey the orders he received from Peking, and to protect the missionaries in his province, and for this he will always be regarded with high admiration by foreigners in China, but it is still to be seen whether he has the strength necessary to maintain order in the Yangtze Valley. Wei Kuang-tao, the new Nanking Viceroy, is to a great extent an unknown man, and his ability to perform the task set him has still to be learnt.

Those who do not believe that any outbreak is to be feared at present explain that Tung Fu-hsiang is only acting in self-defence, and that he has no mischievous intentions whatever. He has already received orders from Peking to lay down his arms, but he declined, knowing that the next step would be that a force would be sent to seize him; and his army is only maintained to protect himself from renewed attempts to take him prisoner. We have not the material to determine where the truth lies among these various reports; that much apprehension and uneasiness exist, is certain.

## THE 1902 VINTAGE.

Messrs. Cutler, Palmer & Co. write to us as follows:—

In writing our last year's Vintage Report, we observed that it was not a satisfactory record to have to place before you, but the result of this year's vintage is far more disastrous, consequently upon the wretched weather that has been experienced throughout Europe during the greater part of the present year. We regretted to see the vintage beyond a half-century, and then not find a more deplorable state of affairs. We submit particulars:—

## FRANCE.

Bordeaux.—Our hopes with regard to the out-turn of the vintage this year have been disappointed; the flowering of the vines and the colour of the grapes are circumstances that promised favourable results, and the appearance of the vines up to the end of August was satisfactory, but in September, heavy rains and want of warmth disappointed our expectations, and in some instances, the grapes did not even come to maturity. The quantity gathered is far inferior to that of 1901. We do not yet know the official figures, but we think that the yield of this year's grape harvest will not be more than two-thirds that of last year's. In consequence of all this untoward state of affairs, even the cheapest description of Bordeaux portwine is increasing in value, and is likely to still further increase.

Burgundy.—The quantity of wine produced in 1902, in comparison with that of 1900, is, in the red wine, quite a third less, and in the white wine, three-fourths less, but this year's wine, not yet having sufficiently developed its characteristics, cannot at present be described.

Champagne.—The present year's vintage must be described as the least good since 1879, and that was a very poor year; this result has been brought about by prejudicial climatic influences, intensified by the ravages of a microbe described as *exobryza*, and further by mildew and *oidium*, in short, it was a question of many farmers whether the grapes were worth gathering; happily, however, there are three good past vintages to work on.

Sumar.—In this district the weather was deplorable in the past spring, summer and autumn; the grapes hardly ripened, and the quality derivable therefrom is necessarily inferior.

Cognac.—This year's produce is one of the worst ever known, and consequently the distillation of it is not to be any account; the entire produce, inferior as it is, may be considered as about half that of 1900.

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PORTUGAL. The vintage is very short; frost, high winds and heavy rains sensibly damaged the vines. The vintage must be classed as most uneven. In the Beira, the quantity secured is about a third of last year's production. This is much to be regretted, for port wine is generally admitted to be most necessary to sick folk, while it is at the same time thoroughly appreciated by numberless people both at home and abroad. The demand for port wine in Great Britain during nine months of the present year reached the total of 26,043 pipes, against 24,500 pipes in 1901. There are, we are glad to say, two good vintages remaining in Portugal. Shippers are now beginning to forward to our London market some of the excellent vintage of 1900.

SPAIN. Sherry.—In Spain there was more than excessive heat in the Jerez district prior to the vintage; it had the effect of shrivelling the grapes, greatly reducing the quantity of wine made. This is also most unfortunate at the present time, when it was hoped the newly planted vines would have produced good results, so that practically there is no vintage, and barely a tenth of a normal crop.

Spanish Port or Tarragona.—Farmers were looking forward to having a bountiful yield, but in May last, the young vineyards which had been planted with American stocks were attacked most cruelly, the foliage of the vines was literally cut off by hail stones, and the temperature in May and June, which should have been warm and agreeable fell to almost freezing point, accompanied by snowstorms, consequently the pollen on the vines was destroyed; this sort of weather continued until July last, and as if this was not all sufficient to destroy the hopes of the growers, the cryptogamic pests arrived to finish matters, so that with this useful wine, prices must necessarily advance.

SICILY. Marsala.—The quantity is not abundant, being from a third to a half less than in 1901, but it is expected the vines will turn out well. The ravages of the *phylloxera*, however, still seriously affect the whole of the Island, and we may truly say that this year the fates were not propitious.

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Hongkong, 29th December, 1902. [3478]

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Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [3488]

## PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 3rd January, 1903, commencing at 2.45 p.m., at No. 4, KNOTSFORD TERRACE, Kowloon, THE WHOLE OF THE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE (Particulars from Catalogue).

Terms—As Customary. On View on day of Sale. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [3436]

## PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 5th January, 1903, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at his SALES ROOMS, Duddell Street, A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Comprising—

SILK UPOLSTREED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, BRASS FENDERS, OVERMANTELS with BEVELLED GLASS, LACE CURTAINS, CARPETS, ENGRAVINGS, &c. &c.; TEAKWOOD SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED GLASS, DINING TABLE, DINNER WAGGONS, DINNER and DESSERT SETS, GLASS and E.P. WARE, CUTLERY, &c.; BRASS and IRON BEDSTEADS, DOUBLE and SINGLE WARDROBES, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS, TOILET TABLES, &c. Also A Few Pieces of BLACKWOODWARE. TERMS—Cash on delivery. Catalogue will be issued. On View from Saturday, the 3rd January. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [3484]

## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship "NAMSANG," Having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m., the 31st inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at EAST POINT.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1902. [3474]

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

ST. ANDREW'S BALL, 1902.

ALL Outstanding Claims against the 1902 Ball Account should be rendered BEFORE 1st JANUARY, 1903.

DAVID W. OD, Hon. Secretary, St. Andrew's Society, Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [3487]

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

IN accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 6 of 1875 the Undermentioned Banks will be CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business on THURSDAY, the 1st January, 1903.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA, T. P. COCHRANE, Acting Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager, Hongkong.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, GEO. W. D. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager, Hongkong.

For the MERCHANT BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED, EVAN ORMISTON, Acting Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, HONGKONG AGENCY, G. MAYEL, Manager, Hongkong.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED, TARO HODSUMI, Manager, Hongkong.

For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA, E. W. RUTHER, Manager, Hongkong.

For the DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK, H. FIGGE, Manager, Hongkong.

For the RUSSO-CHINESE BANK, J. W. R. TAYLOR, Representative in Hongkong, Hongkong.

For the GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK, E. F. GROS, Acting Manager, Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [3477]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer "MANILA," FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns, at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed. Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 1 p.m. To-day, 29th inst. Goods not cleared by the 4th prox., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever. Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1902. [3481]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer "PEKIN," FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns, at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed. This vessel brings on Cargo—From Persian Gulf, ex B. I. S. N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers. Goods not cleared by the 4th prox., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever. Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1902. [3481]

## "BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

S.S. "BEN LAWERS," FROM LATH, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods undelivered after the 5th prox. will be subject to rent. All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 20th prox., or they will not be recognised. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 5th prox., at 11 a.m. No Fire Insurance will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1902. [3482]

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship "CALEDONNIEN," Captain Remus, will be despatched for the above ports on or about MONDAY, the 5th January.

For Freight or Passage, apply to G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [3474]

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

I BEG to notify the Public that I have from the 1st instant taken over the whole concern of "Ah Teo Mafo's Stable."

The business is now carried on under the Style or Name of "THE CHUNG WAH STABLE."

THE CHUNG WAH STABLE, 10 YUK KWAN, Sole Proprietor, Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [3476]

## THE EASTERN EXTENSION AND GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.

A DUPLICATION of the Vladivostok route has been opened via KIACHTA, but is provisionally only available for telegraphic correspondence between China and Russia. Senders who wish their telegrams for Russia forwarded, by preference, by either of the said routes are consequently requested to mark the telegram forms accordingly. If no special route be indicated, telegrams for Russia will be forwarded via KIACHTA if intended for Blagovestchensk, and via Vladivostok if intended for places east of Blagovestchensk.

J. M. BECK, Superintendent, Hongkong, 29th December, 1902. [3479]

## THE ORINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 4, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th day of JANUARY, 1903, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of confirming the following Resolution, passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held this day (29th December, 1902):—

RESOLUTION: That for the purpose of carrying into effect the special resolution duly passed and confirmed at Extraordinary General Meetings of the Company, held on the 11th and 27th days of October, 1902, the Company be wound up voluntarily under the Provisions of the Companies Ordinance 1865 to 1899, and that the Honourable Charles Stewart Sharp, Alexander George Wood, and John Thomas Martin Wheeler be appointed Liquidators of the said Company with liberty for each of them solely to exercise all the powers of the joint Liquidators and that they be and they are hereby authorised to consent to the preparation of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of a new Company to be incorporated under the Companies Ordinance of Hongkong under the name of The China-Borneo Company, Limited, or some similar title.

Dated this 29th day of December, 1902. By Order of the Consulting Committee, WILLIAM D. JUPP, Acting Manager.

3481]

## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW. THE Company's Steamship "THALES," Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above port on THURSDAY, the 1st January, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAK & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [3480]

## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA. THE Company's Steamship "NAMSANG," Captain Geo. Payne, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 7th January, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, 29th December, 1902. [3473]

## PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, THIS DAY (TUESDAY), the 30th day of December, 1902, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd to 31st instant, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hongkong, 30th December, 1902. [3371]

THE HONGKONG STEAM WATER BOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that the remaining Call of Three Dollars per Share is now called up and is payable at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, NEW 37, Courtwright Road, on or before JANUARY 2nd, 1903. On payment Shareholders will please hand in their Scrips for endorsement by the Manager.

By Order, J. W. KEW, Manager, Hongkong, 16th December, 1902. [3355]

## NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Office and Sales Rooms of the Undersigned have been REMOVED to No. 8, DES VEAUX ROAD CENTRAL, Corner of Ice House Street.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers, Hongkong, 15th December, 1902. [3358]

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## TO LET.

No. 33, LEIGHTON HILL ROAD. Double-frontage House. Apply to—AHMET RUMJAHN, 82, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 27th September, 1902. [2576]

## TO LET.

MEIRION No. 2, the Peak, 6 Rooms, House near the Flagstaff, from 15th October, 1902. Apply to—E. JONES HUGHES, Hongkong, 7th October, 1902. [2679]

## TO LET.

GODOWNS, paved with granite, at Wan Chai. Suitable for storage of Coal or any other dry Merchandise. With Pier. Apply to—HASON LEE, 255, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 8th December, 1902. [3293]

## TO LET.

HOUSE No. 6, MOSQUE JUNCTION (near Robinson Road), containing Four Rooms, Servants' Quarters, Kitchen and Bath-room. Apply to—J. D. BARROS, No. 44, Elgin Street, Hongkong, 26th November, 1902. [3145]

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"WESTLEY," UPPER RICHMOND ROAD. Apply to—LAU CHU PAK, Care of A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, 16th October, 1902. [2764]

## TO LET.

No. 3, "MAGDALEN TERRACE," MAGAZINE GAP. Apply to—SPANISH PROCUSSION, Hongkong, 1st April, 1902. [87]

## TO LET.

HOUSE No. 3, LOWER CASTLE ROAD. Immediate Possession. Apply to—COMPTON & CO., Care of Messrs. W. G. Humphreys & Co., Hongkong, 18th December, 1902. [3387]

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OFFICES at 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. Apply to—G. GIRAULT, Hongkong, 3rd January, 1903. [128]

## TO LET.

A HOUSE at the PEAK, Partly Furnished, from 1st January until 30th June, 1903. Apply—28, BONHAM ROAD, West Point, Hongkong, 1st December, 1902. [3200]

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## TO LET.

BAHAR LODGE, the Peak. For terms and particulars, apply to—HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LD., Hongkong, 7th October, 1902. [2673]

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## BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

MRS. GILLANDERS, "GLENWOOD," 21, CAINE ROAD, Hongkong, 20th September, 1902. [2515]

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TWO NEWLY BUILT HOUSES, from 10th January, at Kennedy Road, with excellent accommodation and a good view of the Harbour. Apply to—A. A. LOWER MOSQUE TERRACE, Hongkong, 12th December, 1902. [3330]

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"FAIRVIEW," South, No. 1, ROBINSON ROAD, Victoria. Apply—GROSSMANN & CO., Hongkong, 20th December, 1902. [3313]

## TO LET.

"ERNSFOOT," UPPER RICHMOND ROAD. Apply to—DEACON & HASTINGS, 10, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 30th October, 1902. [2783]

## TO LET.

TWO SPACIOUS GODOWNS—Nos. 95 and 96, PRATA EAST. TWO ROOMS above NEW VICTORIA HOTEL. Apply to—H. N. MODY, Victoria Buildings, Hongkong, 2nd December, 1902. [3233]

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## TO LET.

GODOWNS No. 336, DES VEAUX ROAD, on Marine Lot No. 181, on a monthly tenancy or till 31st March, 1903. Possession from 1st December next. KELLET REFR. MOUNT KELLET, on a monthly tenancy. BISHOP VILLA, FORKUEM ROAD. Apply to—Linstead & Davis, Hongkong, 7th November, 1902. [2972]

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## KRUGER'S MEMOIRS.

Two books of great interest might be written  
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sketch of the man and a picture of the scenes in  
which he has moved. The other would be a  
history of the Boer Republics, as they have been  
and varied, for, as Dr. Theodor Mommsen remarks,  
in every important event in the history of the  
Boers for more than sixty years this determined,  
energetic, and highly intelligent, though  
illiterate, man has played a prominent part. At  
an age when an English boy is playing cricket  
or learning grammar, Paul Kruger was shooting  
lions or Kaffirs. The character of the wild  
country in which he was brought up, his  
adventures, his language, his conceptions, belong  
to an age earlier and more untamed than our.  
Let us quote an illustration or two from the  
book before us. Mr. Kruger, as is well known,  
has lost his left thumb. He is telling the  
story of how it happened; his rifle exploded  
when he was out after rhinoceroses:—

"Next day our people, guided by the track of  
my horse, went to the spot and there they found  
the rhinoceros still alive, and following the trail  
of blood, discovered the remains of the rifle and  
my thumb. My hand was in a horrible state.  
The great veins were torn asunder. The flesh  
was hanging in strips. I bled like a slaughtered  
calf."

Mr. Kruger made his way to the wagons,  
where his wife and sister-in-law were sitting by  
the fire. The sister-in-law pointed to his  
hand. "Look what fat game Brother Paul has  
been shooting," she said, and that was all.  
They went home. Mr. Kruger took out his  
knife and cut across the back of the thumb,  
removing as much as was necessary. "Then  
they killed a goat, took out the stomach and cut  
it open. I put my hand into it while it was  
still warm," and thus was the wound healed.  
It might be a scene from Homer. In one of the  
innumerable feuds between rival sections of the  
Boers, the question of amnesty arose. The  
Boers of settlement authorised each side to  
"punish" its rebels. The anti-Kruger party  
proceeded to set up the gallows. Paul Kruger  
protested. The other side insisted. A deadlock  
was imminent. "I don't know what to do," he  
said. "I don't know what to do." He was  
showing him that Holy Writ distinguished  
between punishing and chastising. We may  
classify a man with the prospect of death, but  
we may not kill him in order to punish him."  
And then all were convinced and there was  
peace in the land. Another scene, surely, from  
an older world.

But Paul Kruger was born too late. Nature  
had intended him for a ruler of rough men in a  
pastoral state of semi-civilisation. Fate threw  
him into the midst of a civilised world, and he  
was a modern community of cosmopolitan gold-seekers.  
That is the tragedy of his career. He was  
well inspired in the answer he gave when a  
burgher came gleefully to tell him that a gold  
reef had been discovered. "Rejoice not," said  
the Commandant General, "but rather weep;  
for this gold will cause our country to be soaked  
in blood." What a theme, then, would Paul  
Kruger and his times—this Homeric or Old  
Testament hero, called upon to deal with a new  
industrial civilisation—afford to a man of  
insight and imagination enough to seize its  
mangled comedy and tragedy, and with genius  
to give it the large and picturesque setting it  
requires! If there is a Carlyle among us, as  
yet mute and inglorious, seeking for a suitable  
canvas to paint upon, we commend to him a  
study of Paul Kruger. Another book of great  
interest and importance might some day be  
written which should give from private letters  
and confidential dispatches the inner history of  
our own times in South Africa; the secret  
springs of Mr. Kruger's action, the factors,  
internal and external, which inspired his policy.

This volume of Memoirs now published does not  
furnish either of these possible books of the  
future. There is a certain amount that is  
characteristic and interesting—as, for example,  
gathered from the extracts already given—  
especially in the first volume. But the political  
memoirs are very trite. In the 200 pages  
devoted to the time of Mr. Kruger's tenure of  
the Presidency there are hardly 200 lines which  
might not have been written by anybody. And  
in fact it all has been written over and over  
again by Boer and pro-Boer pamphleteers.  
Hardly anything is told which is not  
public property; the special contribution of  
Mr. Kruger and his assistants consists in the  
work, already undertaken by others, of  
judicious omission and partisan colouring.  
There are the usual extracts from despatches and  
the second volume is padded out with 100 pages  
of speeches; some of these, however, are of  
interest. There is more of Kruger in them, it  
seems to us, than in the political part of the  
memoirs, and here we may call attention to a  
change made in this portion of the political  
pages. "His arrangement appearing to me  
an artificial one," says Mr. Fisher Unwin, "I  
applied for leave to alter it." We cannot agree  
with Mr. Unwin. It is his insertion of the first  
person that seems to us to give a note of arti-  
ficity to the later portion of *The Memoirs* of  
Paul Kruger. The Memoirs come to us, it  
should be noted, at third (or fourth) hand.  
Mr. Kruger dictated them to Mr. Bredell and  
Mr. Grobler, who handed over their notes to  
Dr. Schwalbe, who edited them for publica-  
tion. In the earlier part of the narrative, we  
seem to hear Mr. Kruger in his own person; in  
the later, he is lost too much in his editors.  
Mr. Kruger is a man of letters, and never more  
so than when talking politics. The point of  
view is his, the sentences are his, but we find it  
difficult to trace, in so tepid a *rechauffe* of  
current versions for perverted views of well-known  
facts, very much of his own voice.

The real Kruger breaks out, however, here  
and there. In districts, for instance, against  
Rhodes. These, indeed, are old stuff  
mostly only suggestion new to us being the  
memoirs of Mr. Grobler, the emissary sent by  
Mr. Kruger to make a treaty with Lobengula.  
At every turn Rhodes and Kruger were the  
antagonists. In the hour of his defeat, Mr.  
Kruger was excused his bitterness; but one  
if he were so unctuous over his dead,  
the black pot must have been the thoughts of  
they dwell on it," says Mr. Kruger, "when  
nation? Such acts of a so-called Christian  
man like Rhodes never influenced a  
man like me. How much did they in-  
fluence, for instance, at Kruger—at the terrible  
glossed over in the Memoirs? For Cecil  
Rhodes's brother, Col. Frank Rhodes, Mr.

Mr. Kruger has a liking—as who has not?—All the  
other revolutionaries," he says, "were theat-  
rical revolutionaries. The only one who under-  
stood his business was Colonel Rhodes." Mr.  
Kruger speaks as an expert, for he also, in his  
time, was a revolutionary and a fighter. The  
story of the Potchefstroom Rebellion of 1856-7  
has often been told; but the reader will find  
only a very meagre and unimpressive account  
of it in these Memoirs of one of the leading  
"so-called reformers" on that occasion.

Cecil Rhodes gets the lion's share of Mr.  
Kruger's abuse, but not all of it. The late Lord  
Milner's escape. His famous conversation  
with Mr. Lionel Phillips is perverted in the  
usual way, and his conduct is characterised as  
"typically English," being "characterised as  
treachery, intrigue, and secret instigation." As  
for Mr. Chamberlain and his despatches, Mr.  
Kruger thinks "it will be universally admitted  
that it is impossible to come to a logical under-  
standing with a man like that." That Mr.  
Chamberlain was privy to the Raid is proved,  
we are told, both by the "Flora" telegrams  
which were produced, and "still more by those  
which were deliberately kept back." To Lord  
Milner, Paul Kruger pays a high, though  
unintended, compliment. "He is, we are told,  
"autocratic beyond endurance." The old  
President, if any man, should be a judge  
of autocrats; what he means, we take it,  
is that he found in Lord Milner a man  
of a will as firm as his own. Talking of  
autocrats, we may refer to Mr. Kruger's  
remarks on ex-Chief Justice Kotzé. The  
Chief Justice had declared that he intended  
to test the validity of resolutions by the  
court. "This was too much," says Kruger.  
"I gave him a lesson." In a letter to the Volks-  
raad, he said: "I am not a lawbreaker, but I  
read the old man disposed of from the animal king-  
dom. 'Right honourable sir,' he said, 'our  
late Chief Justice became as wanton as a fish  
in the water that is free to swim about as it  
pleases.' One or two other Krugerisms  
should be added by collectors to their store.  
Before the War of Independence, the Boers  
were offered self-government:—

"'Burgers,' said Paul Kruger, 'I will try to  
explain to you what this self-government means.  
They say to you, 'First put your head quietly in  
the noose, so that I can hang you up; then you  
may kick your legs about as much as you please.'"  
During the reform agitation at Johannesburg  
the President explained his philosophy of it  
to Sir Henry Loch:—

"'Sir Henry,' said he, 'these people remind  
me of a baboon I once had, which was so fond  
of me that he would not let anyone touch me.  
But one day we were sitting round the fire,  
and unfortunately the baboon's tail caught  
in the fire. He now flew at me furiously, think-  
ing that I was the cause of his misfortune. The  
Johannesburgers are just like that. They have  
burnt their fingers in speculation, and now they  
want to revenge themselves on Paul Kruger.'"  
The reference, by the way, to Queen Victoria  
as a *Kwaana* is, satisfactorily explained.  
"I meant to convey only that she was a lady  
with whom one must be careful what one does."  
The attempt to explain away the famous alloca-  
tion to "you new-comers, yes, even you thieves  
and murderers," is less convincing (see i. 226).  
With regard to our old friend the toroie,  
before we can catch hold of it," Mr. Kruger  
explains that he meant not Mr. Jameson and  
the raiders, but the *Reformers* (ii. 283).  
Kruger's pithy sayings would make a good  
show as Bismarck's. He gives us, by the way,  
a saying of Bismarck's—it is the only thing he  
records of his visit to Berlin in 1854. Bismarck  
had stumbled on the stairs of the Palace, and  
the old Emperor said jokingly, "Prince, you  
are growing old." "Yes, Majesty," replied  
Bismarck, "that is usually the pace that the  
horse goes before his rider."

On the whole, however, it is the earlier pages  
of Mr. Kruger's Memoirs that are the most  
interesting. The account of his boyhood and  
adventures is particularly good reading.  
His father could do little for him in the way of  
education. They were "Voortrekkers," and  
Paul's regular schooling was comprised within  
a period of three months. But one thing he  
learned thoroughly:—

"At dinner and supper, as the children sat  
round the table, they had to read part of the  
scriptures, and to repeat from memory  
or write down now this, and now that text; and  
this was done day by day. This is how my  
father taught me the Bible, and instructed me  
in its teachings during the evenings.  
He learnt the Bible, and he learnt to ride and  
to shoot. By the time he was fourteen he was  
out on commando against the Kaffirs, and in  
the same year he shot his first lion."  
"A lion had attacked our herds and robbed us  
of several heads of cattle that were grazing by  
the banks of the Rhenoster River, in what has  
since become the Orange Free State. Six of us  
to find that lion. We were all mounted, and  
rode in parties of three, with a good distance  
between the two parties. The lion sighted us  
before we were face to face with him, and came on  
with a wild rush. The three adults with whom  
I had come—my father, my uncle, and my brother—  
quickly tied the horses together, and turned  
them round with their heads in the opposite  
direction to that from which the lion was bear-  
ing down upon us. This is the regular pro-  
cedure at a lion hunt, for if the horses catch  
sight of a lion there is always a danger that  
they may get frightened and bolt. My relatives  
placed us. I was told to sit behind, or, from  
the lion's point of view, in front of the horses,  
with my rifle covering him. He last bound  
brought him close to me; then he crossed  
with the intention, it seemed to me, of jumping  
right over me on to the horses. As he rose  
fired. And so fortunate was my aim that I  
killed him outright; and he nearly killed me in  
his turn, for he almost crushed me as he fell."  
Altogether, Paul Kruger can recall thirty to  
forty elephants, five hippopotami, and five lions  
that fell to his gun. He gives an account of an  
exciting rhinoceros hunt, which is interesting  
also as a character study. He had gone out  
with his brother-in-law, N. Theissen, and  
they had agreed that if either behaved recklessly  
or cowardly, he should receive a sound thrashing  
from the other. It was Paul who felt the  
jabber at the head of the day, but it was on this  
case:—

"As I rode past my comrade he called out:—  
'Don't despatch in front of the least; sh-  
awfully wild and can run like anything.'  
I did not pay much attention to the warning,  
knowing I was to be over-cautious, but  
jumped off my horse and ran obliquely past the  
rhinoceros. He had scarcely caught sight of me  
before he was in hot pursuit. I felt and her  
to come within a distance of three or four yards.  
When I fired, the percussion-cap refused, and  
there was no time for a second shot. The animal  
was close upon me, and there was nothing to be  
done but to turn round and run for dear life. In  
attempting to do so, my foot struck against the  
thorn roots and I came down flat on my face.  
The beast was upon me, the dangerous horn just  
missed my back, she pinned me to the ground with  
her snout, intending to trample me to death. But  
at that moment I turned under her and got the  
contents of a sand barrel full under the  
shoulder blade, right into her heart. I owed  
my life to not letting go my hold of the gun  
during this dangerous adventure. The rhino-  
ceros sprang away from me, but fell down dead  
a few yards away. My brother-in-law hurried  
up as fast as he could, for he thought I had  
been mortally wounded by my own gun in this  
deadly combat. When he saw, however, that I  
was standing up safe and sound, he took his  
jabber, and "according to contract" com-  
menced to belabour me soundly, because I had,  
according to him, acted recklessly in disregard-  
ing his warning."

As political memoirs, Mr. Kruger's volumes  
are somewhat disappointing; as a kind of South  
African jungle-book, they are first-rate.  
Very interesting also are some of his stories  
of the shooting known as war. Majuba, it is  
clear, gave him a great contempt for the Eng-  
lish. This contempt was the cause of much  
As for British "magnanimity," about which  
politicians at home talked, it swam not into  
Mr. Kruger's ken. Of the recent war the old  
man has not much to say. The following  
account of his day's (and night's) work during  
war time is interesting:—  
"All looked to me for advice, hints, and conso-  
lation. Daily I sent off telegrams to the com-  
manders, encouraging, advising, and exhorting  
the burghers. These labours fully occupied the  
mornings from eight to twelve, and evenings  
from two to four or five. Not till then did I  
leave the 'over-crowded' buildings. I went to  
bed at eight, only to get up again at eleven  
me at two to inspect any despatches that had  
been arrived in the meantime, and it was often  
four o'clock before I could seek my rest again."

Mr. Kruger describes how very near he was  
to being caught when he was on a ride from  
Bloemfontein to Poplar Grove to encourage the  
burghers there. He had only just time to turn  
back; "the shells were flying all around me,  
and one fell just behind the cart in which I was  
seated." The honour of Mr. Kruger's encourage-  
ments may be gathered from the Circular  
Despatch issued June 20, 1900, which is printed  
in the appendix. "Is not our God the same  
God who led Israel under the power of His  
mighty arm out of the land of Pharaoh?"  
Pay attention to the reports of our commission  
from Europe. "The military and Cham-  
berlain stand convicted by their own words—  
'They shall not exist.' But the Lord says—  
'These My people shall endure, and Christ is  
our Commander-in-Chief.' And now that the  
war is over, it is the same Paul Kruger. Still  
before, with hatred of England in his heart  
and the word of God in his mouth, he breathes  
forth confidence and encouragement. He sees  
in the ruin which has been brought upon his  
country not in any degree the consequences of  
his own mistaken policy, but only the inevitable  
ordering of Providence which shall yet one day  
be overruled. "For I am convinced," he says  
—and these are the last words of his Memoirs—  
"that God does not forsake His people, even  
though it may often appear so. Therefore I  
reign over it to the will of the Lord. I know  
that He will not allow the afflicted people to  
perish. He is the Lord and all hearts are in  
His hand and He turneth them whithersoever  
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This well-known Steamer is specially constructed for the service in the Tropics, and is provided with superior accommodation and with all modern fittings and improvements for the safety and comfort of Passengers. Electric Light and Refrigerator. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SANTA ROSALIA (MEXICO).

THE Steamship.

"VICTORIA."

Captain Casey, will be despatched for the above ports on or about the 28th instant.

For Freight, &amp;c., apply to SHEWAN, TOMES &amp; CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1902.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT, MEDITERANEAN PORTS. PLYMOUTH AND LONDON. THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN and SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship.

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Captain W. B. Palmer, R.N., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for Bombay, on SATURDAY, the 3rd January, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports.

Silk and Yarns, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay with transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's bills of Lading.

For further particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON.

"GLENLOCHY." Captain E. J. Stoddard, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 5th January, 1903.

For Freight, apply to MCGREGOR BROS. &amp; GOW.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902.

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EXTRA PALE LAGER IN CLEAR BOTTLES, OF UNIVERSAL POPULARITY. ANHEUSER BUSCH BREWING ASSOCIATION, ST. LOUIS.



This Beer is brewed of best Saazer Hops and finest Barley Malt only, and warranted not to contain Chemicals in any form.

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## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

"INDRA" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Company's Steamship.

"INDRADEO"

having arrived from the above ports. Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 30th inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M., To-day, the 23rd inst.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1902.

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "NINGCHOW"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., in both cases it will be at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on or after the 25th inst.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

Goods undelivered after the 31st inst. will be subject to rent. All damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 31st inst.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1902.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE. NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship "PRINCESS IRENE," OF THE NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 3 P.M., To-day, the 24th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 31st December, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 31st December, at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 4th January, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD. MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1902.

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NEITHER the CAPTAIN, the Agents, nor the Owners will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBT contracted by the Officers or the Crew of the following Vessels during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:— DAYLIGHT, British 4-m. barque, James Read. — Standard Oil Co. — EVIE J. RAY, American barque, F. Carson. — Sander, Wieser & Co. — LORRAINE, Italian barque, A. M. Schiaffino. — Order.

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Hongkong, 3rd July, 1902.

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Speed, 12 miles. Draft, 5 feet 6 inches mean.

Cargo Capacity, 100 tons.

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A copy of the new Schedule in force from the 1st JANUARY, 1903, can be seen at the Stamp Office.

A. M. THOMSON, Treasurer, &c.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902.

APIOL & STEEL PILLS.

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Chicken and Ham Pies ... from 3.00

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Christmas Puddings &c., to Order.

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Specification and Plans of the proposed Dock may be seen at the Offices of the Company in Singapore.

The Company does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

Tenders shall be for a cost payable in Singapore, in Singapore currency.

Sealed Tenders addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to the 23rd day of February, 1903.

By Order of the Directors, W. G. NIVEN, Secretary.

The Tanjong Pagar Dock Company, Limited.

Singapore, 21st November, 1902.



